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Conference Inspires Strong Finish for Recovery Act



Workers demolish a 175-foot-high exhaust stack at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington state in 2010.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The homestretch of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects is here, and the ARRA Information Exchange III will help you finish successfully. Register at www.srs.gov/recovery/informationexchange.

“Celebrate Finishing Strong,” is the theme of the conference, set for Oct. 6 and 7 at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in Washington, D.C. Federal and contractor staff, as well as members of the public, are highly encouraged to attend the Information Exchange.

In addition to providing endless networking opportunities with peers, the Information Exchange links participants with the latest updates and expertise on the \$6 billion in ARRA projects administered by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (EM).

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The ARRA funding supports environmental cleanup at 17 sites in 12 states. Workers are decontaminating and decommissioning facilities, disposing of nuclear waste, and remediating contaminated soil and groundwater, among other work. ARRA work began in April 2009, and is generally scheduled for completion in September 2011.

EM ARRA Program Director Cynthia Anderson will help lead the Information Exchange. Participants can take part in informative and timely presentations and breakout sessions on critical ARRA topics. Speakers include ARRA Program Deputy Director Thomas Johnson, who will discuss how ARRA sites are working to reduce the footprint of the Cold War-era legacy; Richland Recovery Act Program Manager Jon Peschong, who will talk about CD-4 project closeout; and DOE Senior Policy Advisor Colin Jones, who will discuss the transition of workers from Recovery Act projects into the general workforce.

Participants will discuss the latest progress at Recovery Act sites, learn about the successes of small businesses working on Recovery Act projects, and listen to personal stories of Recovery Act workers. Also, attendees will gain insight into lifecycle cost savings achieved in the cleanup.



A transuranic waste shipment for disposal leaves Savannah River Site.

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